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## Final Fall Appeal Results!

The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis again would like to thank the donors to our annual 2012 Fall Appeal. Our final total for the 2012 Fall Appeal was \$2062. The Board of the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis would like to recognize these additional individuals that contributed. Thanks to the following contributors

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## March Issue

**March 5th:**

Sharon Stiteler, *"Bird Banding"*

**April 2nd:**

Judy Moran, *"Landscaping for Birds"*  
(held at Brookdale Library)

**Tuesday, May 7:**

Clay Christensen, *"Nests"*

All programs are free and open to the public. Programs start at 7 p.m. and end by 9 p.m.

Program meetings are held at Beth El Synagogue, 5224 W. 26th Street, St. Louis Park. *Please note: we are no longer meeting at Mayflower Church.*



Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis needs committed people to join the staff. Perhaps you have some time and interest in the work of our chapter to promote birding and wildlife education in the community.

Board members – 2 positions open for 2013-2014. We meet once a month to coordinate the projects underway in greater Minneapolis.

Social committee chair- coordinates coffee and snacks for programs

Conservation committee- local projects i.e., Roberts Bird Sanctuary

Officers- the nominating committee is looking for people who will be serving this next year. Contact Bob Papke (763-545-8073) or Jerry Bahls (763-572-2333) if leadership may be in your future!

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Jim Egge

Some of the most fortunate people on Earth are those whose job gives them the feeling of making a positive impact on the world. One of the toughest jobs in America must be the leader of an international environmental organization. It must feel like nailing Jell-O to a tree. Each day would bring to you a host of seemingly insurmountable challenges. Imagine trying to go up against governments and multibillion dollar interests, with limited funds and a few dedicated workers. It takes people with extraordinary talents and creativity, who are committed to working for far less than they could probably earn in business or industry.

Success sometimes must be measured in small vials. For example in Mexico's Sea of Cortez, where blue whales and a thousand fish species live, overfishing has plunged the ecosystem into enormous declines. The wild shrimp fishery has virtually collapsed, and 5 species of sea turtles have all but disappeared. What can one organization do when there are hundreds of equally pressing needs worldwide. Scientists persevered and protected the marine habitat from overfishing. They convinced the local community to enforce a no-take zone even though they depended on the area for livelihood. The sea repaired itself and fishing returned abundantly. Now add to the mix aggressive resort developers who see the untamed seacoast as potential megaproject with mega profits. The Mexican government, always short of money, has shown sporadic commitment to safeguard the marine environment. All their successes are now threatened by a seemingly bigger challenge.

Environmental leaders must be incurable optimists. I read recently that it is estimated that about 30 environmental workers are killed each year, mostly by poachers and hostile groups indigenous to the places they are trying to preserve. The most successful approach of workers is to live with the local community and teach them how to live more efficiently with their resources. But often there are elements of the native population that see them as threats.

We probably don't need many more laws to protect the environment. If the money was there to monitor and enforce existing laws worldwide, I feel we could arrest the decline of sensitive ecosystems. But you add to that, the need for thorough research to support our laws, it makes for an ostensibly David – Goliath battle. I believe that when presented with a full understanding of the cultures and the perils of inaction, most people in all countries truly desire to do what is necessary to preserve their lands and their lifestyle. The successes of environmental wisdom are legion. We need to hear about them and get the message out to the public. But the media doesn't always grasp the importance of this when compared to the overwhelming impact of who the finalists are on American Idol.

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## **Member Poetry Corner**

### April Springtime

Dawn awakens to  
the robin's carol and  
the coo of a dove.  
They coax buds of  
elderberry and maple to swell -  
a signal for scales to fall away.  
A springtime promise  
of new life.

-Clem J. Nagel

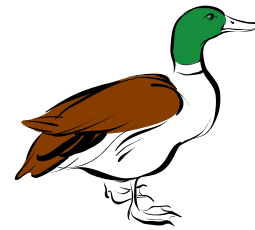
### Cerulean

A small flutter of a bird  
traverses a tree top.  
Part of a springtime passing through  
to elsewhere.  
My eyes lift skyward to glimpse  
its ethereal, sky-blue back.  
But see only  
a clear, white breast.  
The warbler  
moves on.  
Next year, I will walk  
along a high-ridge trail,  
overlooking tree tops.

-Clem J. Nagel

## ALL ABOUT DUCKS!

1. What extinct bird was first known as the pied duck?
2. How does wing size in ducks relate to flight speed?
3. Name the 4 "diving ducks" found regularly in Minnesota.
4. What were "whistling ducks" formerly called?
5. What is the smallest duck in Minnesota?
6. What bacterial disease is the greatest killer of ducks?
7. What duck is the most closely related to the Mallard?
8. When male ducks molt their brighter feathers to a dull color, this plumage is called what?
9. What is the only American duck that walks on the bottom of streams?
10. What duck rarely seen in Minnesota dives the deepest of any duck?



*Answers on page 6!*

### *President's Note—continued*

To change the subject to a more local note, I would like to begin 2013 with a tribute to the people who make things happen at Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis. Susan Tertell and Kit Healy have spent many hours keeping up our website at [audubonchapterofminneapolis.org](http://audubonchapterofminneapolis.org). If you haven't logged on recently, do so soon to see what's going on. Both have also been active with Roberts Bird Sanctuary along with Ernie Gunderson, Jerry Bahls, Connie Pepin, and the dozens of volunteers who have been pulling exotics, planting new replacements, and inventorying the plant species there. Martha Allen has been our secretary for several years, and Ernie our treasurer. Bob and Carolyn Papke have been involved with kids and the chimney swift project. Also active in the schools were Paul Fusco, Mike Menzel, Kathy Iverson, and Carol Nulsen. Madeleine Linck has done many things including leading bird trips and helping with the Urban Bird Festival. John Arthur has been a mainstay on the board for many years and also works with Wild Ones, etc. Shannon Huebscher has edited the Kingfisher for 2 years. Steve and Marie Duane have put together great programs for the past year. Join me in thanking these folks who are wonderful to work with and for their tireless efforts.

Credits for this article- "Sea Wonders", On Earth Magazine from the Natural Resources Defense Council, summer 2012.

## **Let's Honor Two Birders**

In early January the chapter lost two of its longtime and cherished members – Don Bolduc and Dorothy Kuether.

Don was a premier birder. Don and his wife Shirley (who had passed away earlier) were long time Field Trip leaders for the Chapter and Don Chaired the Field Trip Committee for many years. If a new bird was seen in Minnesota, Don was probably there to report on it. Don was an outstanding photographer and enjoyed photographing wild flowers as well as birds. He also traveled extensively to watch birds. Another of his tasks that he did for many, many years was to fill the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis bird feeders in Nokomis, Wirth and Roberts Bird Sanctuary. He also instilled his love of birds in his children. He was a fabulous person and his birding skills will be missed greatly. Good Birding, Don!

Dorothy was also a long time member of Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis and served (and was serving) on the Board, was Secretary and President. Dorothy was a school teacher and survived on a teacher's salary and raised her three children after her husband's premature death. In spite of limited resources, she traveled extensively on birding trips. She received an early training from her father who was a noted naturalist. At her memorial service she wanted one thing to be emphatically stated and that was for everyone to "Be useful". What a wonderful charge for today's society. Happy Travels, Dorothy!

### **Bird Walk with Madeleine Linck**

*Saturday June 1st at 8 am*

*Wood-Rill Scientific Natural Area in Orono*

*Meet at the parking lot on the south side of Old Long Lake Rd which is a turn off of old Highway 12 (now Hwy 112) east of the City of Long Lake.*

*Call Madeleine Linck to sign up at 763-475-0485*

*Wood-Rill SNA is 150 acres of the Big Woods with many trees older than 200 years. There is the possibility to see, hear Big Woods species such as Red-Shoulder Hawks, Scarlet Tanagers, Yellow-throated Vireos*

## **Tiffany Bottoms Natural Wildlife Area Field Trip**

For the fourth year, the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis is offering a field trip to Tiffany Bottoms NWA in Wisconsin. The field trip includes a ride on a narrow-gauge train through the Bottoms, with several stops to walk in the area and look for birds, both residents and spring migrants.

In order to accommodate more people there will be two trips: **Sunday, May 5, 2013** and **Sunday, May 19, 2013**. Both trips are from **1:00 to 5:00**. Tiffany Bottoms is located about 5 miles south of Durand, Wisconsin, about 90 miles from the Twin Cities, and the driving time is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes.

The cost is \$20 per person, \$15 for Audubon members, and \$5 for children 12 and under. (Sorry, we are not able to give refunds for this trip after April 15, 2013.) Also, four people per trip are needed to help less experienced birders. If you are willing to help you can get a discount on the trip. A spotting scope is helpful but not necessary.

What to bring: The train is open air, and we go rain or shine, so bring what you need to protect yourself from the elements – hat, rain jacket, sunscreen, bug dope, etc. Also bring water and a snack or lunch, and of course, binoculars and a bird guide.

For **reservations**, contact Susan Tertell at [stertell@gmail.com](mailto:stertell@gmail.com) (preferred) or 612-729-1566.

Directions to Tiffany Bottoms from the Twin Cities:

Alternative 1: Head east on I-94. Merge onto **US-10 E/US-61 S** via **EXIT 244**. Continue to follow US-10E to Durand, Wisconsin. In Durand, turn right on East Main Street, and take the first left onto 3rd Avenue E., then take the 3rd right onto E Prospect St. Prospect St. turns into Wisconsin Highway 25. Stay on WI-25 for 3 miles. The parking area for the train will be on the left side of the road and there will be someone directing traffic.

Alternative 2: Head east on I-94. Take the **WI-25** exit, **EXIT 41**, toward **Menomonie/Barron**. Take WI-25 for 20 miles to the intersection with US-10. Turn **left** onto **US-10/WI-25**. Continue to follow **US-10 until you reach Durand**. In Durand, turn right on East Main Street, and take the first left onto 3rd Avenue E., then take the 3rd right onto E Prospect St. Prospect St. turns into Wisconsin Highway 25. Stay on WI-25 for 3 miles. The parking area for the train will be on the left side of the road and there will be someone directing traffic.

## **Adult Birding Series: Soar with the Eagles**

Discover the Bald Eagle success story at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha. See live Eagles up close, tour the center and enjoy the interactive displays and observation decks. There will be stops for Eagle viewing along the Mississippi River on our way south. This program will start and end at the Kroening Interpretive Center. Transportation will be provided to and from the Eagle Center. Please bring along a lunch or enjoy a meal at a local restaurant on your own. Snacks, binoculars and fun and games will be provided. Reservations Required.

### **Carl Kroening Interpretive Center**

4900 Mississippi Court  
Minneapolis, MN 55430

Saturday March 16th, 9:00AM—4:00PM

Restricted to participants age 16 and older.

NM Public Programs: \$22.00

Call: 763.694.7693 for more information!

## **Springbrook Spree**

The Springbrook Nature Center Foundation is holding its 10th Annual Auction Event on Saturday, March 9 at Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street in Columbia Heights. This year's speaker is Al Batt, noted humorist, writer and outdoorsman. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$40 per person and includes a buffet dinner. Adults only, please. Tickets may be purchased by calling 612-226-1638, by visiting our website [www.springbrooknaturecenter.org](http://www.springbrooknaturecenter.org) or at the door. All proceeds benefit Springbrook Nature Center in Fridley.

## **Minneapolis Audubon Meeting**

Friday, March 8, 2013 1 p.m.

Karl Tinsley, a graduate student in Conservation Biology will speak on "Urban Turkeys". The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes. Please join us for the program and refreshments! For more information call 952-926-4205.



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## Volunteer Opportunities!

- Field Trip Leaders (3 – 9 hrs/mon.) – Lead from 1 – 3 field trips/month (actually leading only one trip would be greatly appreciated).
- Education Committee Chair (4 hrs/mon.) – Chair Education Committee and develop programs for in-school visits and adult environmental education.
- Education Committee members — Assist the Education Chair in carrying out the education programs. Advise the Education chair on education issues.
- Conservation Committee members (2 hrs/mon.) – Assist Conservation Committee Chair in carrying out programs and offer advice on environmental matters.
- Important Bird Areas (IBAs) Nomination writer (10 – 20 hrs/yr) – Write up nominations for IBAs in the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis membership area.
- Birdathon Coordinator (10 hrs/yr) – Coordinate the annual Birdathon Fundraiser each year. It is usually held sometime during the spring migration.

MORE INFORMATION: Jerry Bahls (763) 572-2333, [jobaud@comcast.net](mailto:jobaud@comcast.net) or John Arthur (952) 931-0819

### Answers to All About Ducks Quiz

1. Labrador Duck
2. Large wing – slow speed
3. Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked, Scaup
4. Tree Ducks
5. Ruddy Duck
6. Botulism
7. Black Duck
8. Eclipse
9. Harlequin
10. Long-tailed Duck

## Wood Lake Nature Center Events!

### Environmental Book Club

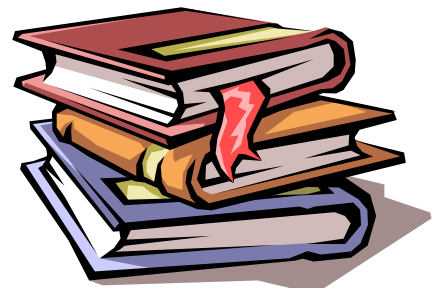
Join other adults to discuss some wonderful environmental and outdoor recreation based books. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Books are available at local libraries and/or are available for the lowest price through [addall.com](http://addall.com)

March 12th: *Silent Thunder: In the Presence of Elephants* by Katharine Payne

April 9th: *Through A Window* by Jane Goodall

Please call to register [612-861-9365](tel:612-861-9365)

6:30pm-8pm, \$5/person, Free for members





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**Chapter Membership Application**

*Yes, I'd like to join!* Please enroll me as a member of the National Audubon Society and my local chapter at the special introductory rate of \$20! Please send AUDUBON magazine and my membership card to the address below.

*Yes, I'd like to join!* As a senior citizen or student, I am able to join for only \$15!

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**Calendar of Events**

March

5: Program: Sharon Stiteler, *Bird Banding*, 7-9PM @ Beth El Synagogue, 5224 W. 26th Street, St. Louis Park

26: Board Meeting, 7 to 8:45 pm @ Roosevelt High School at 4029 28th Av S in Minneapolis

April

2: Program: Judy Moran, *"Landscaping for Birds"*, 7-9PM @ Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy, Brooklyn Center

23: Board Meeting, 7 to 8:45 pm @ Roosevelt High School at 4029 28th Av S in Minneapolis

May

7: Program: Clay Christensen, *Nests*, 7-9PM @ Beth El Synagogue, 5224 W. 26th Street, St. Louis Park

28: Board Meeting, 7 to 8:45 pm @ Roosevelt High School at 4029 28th Av S in Minneapolis

*The Kingfisher is published every other month beginning with the January issue. All are welcome to programs, trips and board meetings! For more information on upcoming events please check out our website at : [www.audubonchapterofminneapolis.org](http://www.audubonchapterofminneapolis.org)*

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